
Title: Lathiari and Kyrina 1

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Born fraternal twins to wealthy merchant/scholar parents on the isle of Magincia, Lathiari and Kyrnia showed an uncanny aptitude towards the arcane arts from a very early age. Their mother, Alinae, encouraged them in this direction. She was fascinated by the two's ability to both speak and read by the age of fifteen months. Their father, Eulin, was too distracted by the day to day affairs of business to take much of an active role.

This suited Alinae just fine, who considered Eulin to only be fit for the execution of the mundane. She was responsible for all financial matters, and the management of all books that were commissioned. Eulin provided (by right of birth) the finances that initially started their venture and managed the day to day shipping schedules. Alinae would not dirty her hands dealing with ship captains. Their family life remained fairly stable. Lathiari and Kyrnia were brought up as any respectrespectable boy and girl should be on Magincia. They were taught disdain and prejudice towards all peoples of the mainland, constantly had their self image reinforced, and

were made to study parchment after parchment of ancient texts. By the age of six, they had stumbled upon the secrets of alchemy. After destroying a small section of the family home, Alinae hired a full time tutor from the Magincian Mage Guild to manage her children's rapid development. The tutor was a bitter man named Werl. He would keep the children on a task for up to twenty hours if he felt they deserved it. He administered beatings using a minor version of harm he had developed for the very purpose. This left no marks and ensured that Alinae would never be the wiser. The children learned to despise the authority he represented. Finally, after a long year, Werl disappeared. This coincided with the Children's new pet mouse. Unfortunately, the mouse was housed in a small glass jar which was accidentally left outside one sunny day, baking in the summer heat.

Shortly after that, a squall destroyed the ship their father was on. Eulin's body was recovered off the shore of Vesper. At the wake the Children were fascinated by the processes of decay that had rendered their father unrecognizable. They had to be forcibly removed from the proceedings when they attempted to take tissue samples from his corpse. This was the moment that the two became utterly addicted to the unraveling of the

processes of death and dying.

Alinae was disheartened by Eulin's death, yet not crushed. She clung to her children tightly, personally overseeing their development and providing them with a full alchemical laboratory when they turned age ten.

The rest of their childhood was spent working on various experiments. When they came of age the two were welcomed with open arms into the fold of the Magincian Mage guild. They soon became powerful members of the Guild; known for their groundbreaking research regarding the manipulation of life forces. In particular, they were trying to find a way of infusing an amulet with energies that would magically protect the wearer from physical harm. If minor injuries were suffered, the amulet would detect the disruption of natural processes in the body and route a small portion of its magical energy to heal the break in the flow of life force. If the subject was hit with massive damage and killed, the amulet would (in theory) fully discharge its stored energy and revive the fallen subject. The Magincian council encouraged their research, believing that the nobility and military of Lord British's realm would be more than interested in providing a large sum for the manufacture of said devices.

However, Lathiari and Kyrnia, consumed by the pride they had been

raised with, had no desire
to allow the ruling bags
of fat known as the
Magincian Mage Guild to
steal their dream. They
would complete this
glorious work and
determine its fate
themselves. Perhaps they
would even become the
heads of the guild.

This was not a terribly
far fetched notion. They
had both reached their
mid-twenties, and were in
position to eventually
become part of the guild
council. However, their
lives would be forever
changed. Their mother was
stricken with a terrible
disease she had
contracted after
returning from Ocllo. Now
matter what they tried,
their magic and potions
could not reverse the
wasting effects of the
illness.

On a dark, humid
Magincian night, Alinae, in
the throes of delirium,
cursed her children's
incompetence as they
frantically plied her with
potions and chants. Her
heart beat its last as
her children prepared a
warded chamber of ice to
store her body.

Lathiari and Kyrnia knew
no other true companion
as their mother. The
brother and sister were
devastated by their
inability to help her. They
threw themselves into
their work, isolating
themselves from the
outside world. Their
mother's body hidden,
their research now turned
to her revivification. As
time past and their
interdependence stronger,
they grew closer than
the bonds of Brother and
Sister would socially allow.

Shortly after, a scandal
erupted.